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1. The following roads in the border area south and south-west of ZELEZNA RUDA (N 50/Q 07), Czechoslovakia, were blocked to traffic:

- a. Road fork formed by the road to BUCHENAU (N 50/Q 06) and the road to PRAUENAU (N 49/Q 05).

- b. Road from DOL.STEINDLBERK (N 50/Q 07), to SPIEGELHUETTE (N 50/Q 06).

- c. Road from DEBRNIK (N 50/Q 07) to FERDINANDOV (N 50/Q 07).

- d. All border crossing points on both sides of the ZELEZNA RUDA-EISENSTEIN (N 50/U 97) railroad line. Antitank obstacles were still being constructed on border roads and railroad lines. \*

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2. The following towns were occupied by Czechoslovakian Army or SNB units:

- a. SPITZBERG near ZELEZNA RUDA: Two companies of the 26th Inf Bn

- b. ZELEZNA RUDA: One infantry company, one battery, and 16 to 20 SNB men.

- c. Custom house of ZELEZNA RUDA: 12 SNB men

- d. HURKA (N 50/Q 07): 10 to 12 SNB men

- e. PRASILY (N 50/Q 17): 10 SNB men.

- f. SRYNY (O 1/M 86): 25 SNB men (SNB headquarters of this border sector)

- g. VEHYNICE-TETOV (O 51/N 49): 20 SNB men

- h. MODRAVA (N 50/Q 26): 12 SNB men

- i. PUERSTLING (N 49/Q 25): 2 SNB men. \*\*

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3. Field fortifications were observed in the area west of TACHOV (N 50/P 54) as far as the border at GEORGENBERG (N 50/P 43), Bavaria. \*

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4. A refugee who had worked in AS (N 51/P 18) until late August 1949 reported that troop units from AS frequently conducted night exercises along the border towards the US Zone of Germany. The units were quartered in three barracks and a large inn, located on the road to CHEB (N 51/P 37).\*\*\*

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Comment:

\* The observations confirm previous reports.

\*\* The component units of the 26th Inf Bn in the ZELTZNA RULA area were probably identified correctly, since this battalion has been located in BARTHEIMSTEIN (east of ZELTZNA RULA) since late 1948.

\*\*\* No Czechoslovakian Army units have been observed in AS. The observed troops may have been SNB units.ø

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